

Monday, January 11, 1965

## Daily Digest

### Senate

#### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, at noon.

#### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

##### DEFENSE PROGRAMS

*Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations:*  
Committee on Armed Services and Defense Subcommittee of Committee on Appropriations met jointly in executive session to receive testimony from John A. McCone, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

## House of Representatives

#### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 99 public bills, H.R. 2168-2266; 94 private bills, H.R. 2267-2360; and 27 resolutions, H.J. Res. 163-178, H. Con. Res. 86-91, and H. Res. 96-100, were introduced.

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**Minority Employees:** Adopted H. Res. 96, providing for the selection of, and fixing the salaries of, the follow-

ing minority employees: Harry L. Brookshire, William B. Pendergast, William R. Bonsell, Tommy Lee Winebrenner, and Walter Patrick Kennedy.

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**Program for Tuesday:** Adjourned at 12:45 p.m. until Tuesday, January 12, at 12 o'clock noon.

#### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

(All meetings are open unless otherwise designated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Commerce*, open followed by executive, on the nomination of John T. Connor, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., 5110 New Senate Office Building.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, executive, on committee

business, and to hear Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas Mann, 10 a.m., room S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs*, on the nomination of John A. Carver, Jr., of Idaho, to be Under Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., 3110 New Senate Office Building.

##### House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, executive, briefing with Llewellyn E. Thompson, U.S. Ambassador at Large, State Department, 10 a.m., H-322 U.S. Capitol Building.



## Congressional Record

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## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — APPENDIX

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Bertsch, Administrator of that fine organization. I am very pleased to submit this speech for reprinting in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The speech follows:

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY

(Speech given by Howard Bertsch, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, at dedication of Destin Water System, Destin, Fla., October 23, 1964.)

I have a simple remedy I am going to offer to all those who are frustrated by the complexities of modern-day living, to all those who see only the gloomy side of life and who find their solace in dreaming of days gone by.

I say to these people visit the community of Destin on the strip of sunshine and salt air between Choctawhatchee Bay and the Gulf of Mexico in Okaloosa County, Fla.

This is a bit of the America of tomorrow. Progress is in the air. You can feel it.

Here is a community that when it needs a community center, builds it.

Here is a community that when it needs an airport, builds it.

Here is a community that when it needs a water system, builds it.

A community that knows how to take the initiative, marshal the resources that it has available, couple these resources with those provided by its government, and move ahead.

Gone are the days when Destin housewives struggle with unfit and inadequate water supplies. Gone are the red strained pots and pans.

Gone are the days when water was hauled and water was rationed.

Now water will be your servant, good water, as much as you want, at the turn of a tap.

Ahead lies better fire protection, lower insurance rates, higher land values.

Who knows but what some light industry of the type that has sprung up around Fort Walton will pick Destin for a construction site.

And for sure the thousands of tourists that pour into this area from Alabama, Tennessee, and the Mid-West will come in larger numbers and stay longer, build more vacation homes, provide customers for more motels, restaurants, and fishing boats.

Destin now has a basic community service to offer all those who seek to patronize this nationally known center for sportmen who seek the salt fish and the red snapper.

I understand that the Destin water system will serve not only the homes that line your attractive streets, but the business enterprises, the motels, the churches, and the school. Some 2,400 people will benefit at the outset. Five years from now who knows what the number will be. Destin is ready. Destin is moving ahead.

Credit for this kind of progress belongs to many.

Let me mention a few who have spent long hours around conference tables to make the new water system possible.

Edward F. Pearce, president of Destin Water Users, Inc., Jack T. Owens, vice president, John R. Cox, secretary-treasurer, all deserve special mention.

As do Paul Burnett and W. L. Marler, board members.

All of these local leaders I have been told have given freely of their time.

Irwin Fleet, in his capacity as attorney for the corporation has also given the community invaluable service.

For our part, in the Farmers Home Administration, we take a great deal of pleasure in being able to work with men like the men that constitute the leadership of Destin.

I know I can speak for the chairman of our county committee, Grady G. Baggett; our county supervisor, Jack Drasko; our Florida State director, William T. Shaddick, and all the other members of our organization, when

I say that nothing gives a greater pleasure than being able to provide service to forward-looking members of a small community.

I am delighted that Congressman Bob Sikes is here today.

He has had a hand in this enterprise too. Without men like Bob Sikes, in Washington, men responsive to the needs of the people, the voice of the people would not be heard, and laws that make such facilities as community water systems possible, would not be on the books.

Bob Sikes is also responsible in a large measure for the existence of our rural housing program, our rural renewal program, and the support we are able to give the family farmers.

Congressman Sikes will be glad to know that the dynamic force of community leadership so visible here today in Destin is also at work in surrounding communities.

I checked the records before I left Washington and found that local leaders with our help are developing or have already completed rural water systems in the communities of Gonzalez and Walnut Hill in Escambia County, at Pace in Santa Rosa County, at Esto in Holmes County and across the Alabama State line at Grand Bay in Mobile County, and Spanish Fort and Stapleton in Baldwin County. All told these 7 systems are using \$1.7 million to develop systems that will serve 10,000 people.

The spirit of Destin spreads throughout the land.

We take some pride in being part of an administration that responds when people, like the people of Destin, make known their needs.

The leadership in Washington is concerned with the welfare of people. Led by President Johnson it chooses to follow the path of foresightedness, of creativity.

This administration in response to the wishes of the people passed a tax reduction bill to provide the necessary stimulus to continuing prosperity.

This administration brought forth new programs to break the vicious cycle of poverty which still ensnares too many of our people.

This administration developed and improved farm loan, rural electrification and telephone, agriculture export, food for peace, school lunch, agriculture price and income protection and other programs to preserve and strengthen the family farm and help family farmers cope with the revolution in farm technology.

This administration sponsored area development programs to help rural communities grow as strong, viable contributors to our Nation's progress.

This administration firmly opposed the view held by many that the family farm and rural communities of which they are a part should be allowed to die gracefully.

I could go on and list many other accomplishments—progress in preserving natural resources, strengthening public power and public works, foreign aid, national defense.

The list is long, the record impressive. And best of all, the direction is forward looking and rural oriented.

We believe that rural America faces a great future.

This administration favors strengthening and encouraging and insuring the survival of the family farm and the rural communities of which they are a part.

There are those who hold a different point of view, those who would discontinue programs that bring comfort and hope to farmers and rural families.

Fortunately the will of the people prevails.

Let me give you an example.

Take the rural housing loan program administered by the Farmers Home Adminis-

tration. Initiated and developed in 1949 by the Democratic leadership in the Congress, the program made available to farmers for the first time long-term reasonable-interest loans to finance better housing and farm improvements. Designed so as not to compete but rather to supplement credit available from private lenders, this worthwhile new program filled a housing financing gap too long existing in rural America. The promise of a better home brought new hope to families living in termite-ridden shacks and dilapidated houses.

Negative thinkers tried to stymie the bill, firmly convinced that the Government of the people should have no part in seeking to help the people regardless of how bad conditions might be.

But the voice of the people was heard and the bill was passed.

Today, after 15 years and major improvements in 1961 and 1962, the housing loan program as administered by the Farmers Home Administration, contains all the necessary tools to bring better housing to all people in rural areas who are unable to finance good housing through other means.

Farm families, other rural families, senior citizens, farm laborers, all can now have a decent place to live. And rural communities sparkle with these new homes.

Since the program was started more than 91,000 families have borrowed some \$737,500,000 in housing funds from the Farmers Home Administration. Their repayments on loans are far ahead of schedule. Losses amount to less than two one-hundredths of 1 percent of the principal advanced.

What a record.

And best of all, the success of this program has served as a guiding light to other lenders. Many are now financing rural housing improvements for the first time.

The issue is just as clear and dramatic regarding another measure that means so much to rural communities—the rural community water system program of the Farmers Home Administration—the program that has been used to such good advantage by Destin.

Negative thinking kept this program under wraps during the fifties.

Last year we advanced \$34 million to finance water systems throughout the country.

And this is only the beginning.

We estimate that during the coming year the Farmers Home Administration will advance \$65 million for water loans, up 91 percent over last year. This program must move forward. Despite the progress made so far some 15,000 rural communities still lack decent, safe, and adequate water systems. Families in these communities still have to haul water, use impure water, ration water and, yes, even do without water.

Some 1,197,000 man-days of employment have been or will be provided through the construction of water systems financed since 1961. And when all are in operation, these systems will supply 264 million gallons of water a month, providing fire protection, enabling schools to remain open, attracting new businesses and new industries to rural areas.

The positive approach, the forward-looking approach must and will prevail.

There is a great day dawning.

Destin is a signboard pointing the pathway to the future.

The drive, the ingenuity, the independence, the ability that rural people possess to capitalize upon the tools that the people working through their Government have made available has been demonstrated nowhere more vividly than here in the community of Destin.

You have shown the way. Others have joined with you.

We have a great world to live in, we are beginning to realize how much we can attain if we but work, and will to do so.